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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 July 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,7-11,17-19 and 21-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,7-11,18,19 and 21-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment was received on 7/3/03, and has been entered and made of record. Currently, **claims 1-4, 7-11, 17-19, and 21-28** are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. **Claims 1-4, 7-11, 18, 19, and 21-28** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ikeda *et al.* (U.S. Patent Number 5,720,014).

Regarding **claim 1**, Ikeda discloses a data communication system (facsimile apparatus seen in Fig. 1) which comprises a connector (I/F controller 113), adapted to connect a network

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that is connectable to a plurality of data processing terminals to the data communication system (column 4, lines 39 through 52, which could be a personal computer or a word processor that are externally connected), an operation input unit (console unit 107, as well as the I/F controller 113), adapted to receive a manual designation manually inputted by an operator (column 3, line 55 through column 4, line 52), a data transmitter (communication controller 108), adapted to transmit a document based on the designation inputted by the operation input unit (column 4, lines 15 through 28), with the document being transmitted to an external data communication terminal (see Figs. 8-12, being a partner station) via a line (communication lines 116 or 117, column 4, lines 15 through 28) that does not include the connector (see Fig. 1), and a notification unit (CPU 101), adapted to notify a data processing terminal (information processing terminal 114), via the connector (column 4, line 61 through column 5, line 45), wherein notification includes transmission result information (column 39, line 15 through column 40, line 26), representing a document transmission performed by the data transmitter based on the designation inputted by the operation input unit (see Figs. 7-12, 26, and 27), and the document transmitted by the data transmitter (column 40, line 28 through column 41, line 52, whereby the information processing terminal 114 is notified of the File ID and the number of pages of the transmitted document, and can further be notified so as to receive the actual document designated by the File ID, as seen in Figs. 28 and 29), the notification unit notifies the data processing terminal of the transmission result information in accordance with a change in state of the data communication system (see Figs. 7-12, and 27), the notification unit notifies the data processing terminal of the transmission result information related to the document transmission upon completion of the document transmission performed by the data transmitter (step S7-013 in Fig. 7, step S8-021 in

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Fig. 8A, step S1109 in Fig. 11, and step S1211 in Fig. 12A), and the notification unit notifies, in a case where user information is input by the operation unit with an address of the external data communication terminal, the data processing terminal corresponding to the user information of the transmission result information (seen in Fig. 12, column 23, line 6 through column 24, line 24, as well as seen in Fig. 43, column 50, lines 8 through 66).

Regarding **claim 2**, Ikeda discloses the data communication system discussed in claim 1 above, and further teaches that the data transmitter transmits the document based on a second designation from the data processing terminal connected to the data communication system via the connector (see Figs. 27 and 29).

Regarding **claim 3**, Ikeda discloses the data communication system discussed in claim 1 above, and further teaches of the transmission result information notified by the notification unit includes a transmission destination (see Fig. 26, column 39, lines 1 through 39).

Regarding **claim 4**, Ikeda discloses the data communication system discussed in claim 1 above, and further teaches of the notification unit notifies the data processing terminal of the transmission result information in accordance with a change in information to be notified (see Figs. 7-12, and 26-29).

Regarding **claim 7**, Ikeda discloses a data communication system (facsimile apparatus seen in Fig. 1) which comprises a connector (I/F controller 113), adapted to connect a network that is connectable to a plurality of data processing terminals to the data communication system (column 4, lines 39 through 52, which could be a personal computer or a word processor that are externally connected), an operation input unit (console unit 107, as well as the I/F controller 113), adapted to receive a manual designation from an operator (column 3, line 55 through

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column 4, line 52), a designation unit (I/F controller 113), adapted to designate an ID (user ID), representing a user on the network connected by said connector, from the manual designation input by way of an operation of the operation input unit (column 44, line 50 through column 48, line 15), a data transmitter (communication controller 108), adapted to transmit a document based on a destination input by the operation input unit in accordance with an ID designation performed by the designation unit (column 4, lines 15 through 28, and column 46, lines 12 through 45), with the document being transmitted to an external data communication terminal (see Figs. 8-12, being a partner station) via a line (communication lines 116 or 117, column 4, lines 15 through 28) that does not include the connector (see Fig. 1), a notification unit (CPU 101), adapted to notify the user on the network connected by the connector (information processing terminal 114, see Fig. 1) corresponding to the ID designated by the designation unit (column 46, lines 12 through 45), wherein notification includes information (column 39, line 15 through column 40, line 26), representing a document transmission performed by the data transmitter based on the designation inputted by the operation input unit (see Figs. 7-12, 26, and 27), and the document transmitted by the data transmitter (column 40, line 28 through column 41, line 52, whereby the information processing terminal 114 is notified of the File ID and the number of pages of the transmitted document, and can further be notified so as to receive the actual document designated by the File ID, as seen in Figs. 28 and 29), a determination unit, adapted to determine whether or not the ID is designated by the designation unit (column 45, lines 5 through 65), and a controller, adapted to control the notification unit in accordance with a determination result by the determination unit (column 45, line 35 through column 46, line 30), wherein the notification unit notifies the data processing terminal of information related to the

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document transmission upon completion of the document transmission performed by the data transmitter (step S7-013 in Fig. 7, step S8-021 in Fig. 8A, step S1109 in Fig. 11, and step S1211 in Fig. 12A).

Regarding **claim 8**, Ikeda discloses the data communication system discussed in claim 7 above, and further teaches of the notification unit not performing a notification process in an absence of an ID designated by the designation unit (see Figs. 37-39, wherein if the user ID is not effective, error contents are sent, thereby not performing a notification process).

Regarding **claim 9**, Ikeda discloses the data communication system discussed in claim 7 above, and further teaches that the ID designated by the designation unit is information representing a user on a network (column 43, line 66 through column 44, line 61).

Regarding **claim 10**, Ikeda discloses the data communication system discussed in claim 7 above, and further teaches that the data transmitter transmits the document, based on the designated ID, from the data processing terminal connected to the data communication system via the connector (column 44, line 50 through column 48, line 15).

Regarding **claim 11**, Ikeda discloses the data communication system discussed in claim 7 above, and further teaches of the information notified by the notification unit includes a transmission destination (see Fig. 26, column 39, lines 1 through 39).

Regarding **claim 18**, Ikeda discloses a computer-readable storage medium storing a program (ROM 102, column 3, lines 44 through 54) for implementing a method for controlling a data communication system (facsimile apparatus seen in Fig. 1) connected to a network that is connectable to a plurality of data processing terminals via a connector (I/F controller 113, column 4, lines 39 through 52, which could be a personal computer or a word processor that are

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externally connected), with the program comprising program code for an input step, of receiving a designation manually inputted by an operator (column 3, line 55 through column 4, line 52) using an operation input unit (console unit 107, as well as the I/F controller 113), program code for a transmission step, of transmitting a document based on the designation manually inputted in the input step (column 4, lines 15 through 28), with the document being transmitted to an external data communication terminal (see Figs. 8-12, being a partner station) via a line (communication lines 116 or 117, column 4, lines 15 through 28) that does not include the connector (see Fig. 1), and program code for a notification step, of notifying a data processing terminal (information processing terminal 114), via the connector (column 4, line 61 through column 5, line 45), wherein notification includes transmission result information (column 39, line 15 through column 40, line 26), representing a document communication performed in the transmission step based on the designation manually input in the input step (see Figs. 7-12, 26, and 27), and the document transmitted by the transmission step (column 40, line 28 through column 41, line 52, whereby the information processing terminal 114 is notified of the File ID and the number of pages of the transmitted document, and can further be notified so as to receive the actual document designated by the File ID, as seen in Figs. 28 and 29) in accordance with a change in state of the data communication system (see Figs. 7-12, and 27), the notification step notifies the data processing terminal of the transmission result information related to the document transmission upon completion of the document transmission performed in the transmission step (step S7-013 in Fig. 7, step S8-021 in Fig. 8A, step S1109 in Fig. 11, and step S1211 in Fig. 12A), and the notification step includes notifying, in a case where user information is input using the operation unit with an address of the external data communication terminal, the

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data processing terminal corresponding to the user information of the transmission result information (seen in Fig. 12, column 23, line 6 through column 24, line 24, as well as seen in Fig. 43, column 50, lines 8 through 66).

Regarding *claim 19*, Ikeda discloses a computer-readable storage medium storing a program (ROM 102, column 3, lines 44 through 54) for implementing a method for controlling a data communication system (facsimile apparatus seen in Fig. 1) connected to a network that is connectable to a plurality of data processing terminals via a connector (I/F controller 113, column 4, lines 39 through 52, which could be a personal computer or a word processor that are externally connected), with the program comprising program code for an input step, of receiving a designation manually inputted by an operator (column 3, line 55 through column 4, line 52) using an operation input unit that is part of the data communication system (console unit 107, as well as the I/F controller 113), program code for a designation step of designating an ID (user ID), representing a user's data processing terminal on the network connected by said connector, from the designation manual inputted (column 44, line 50 through column 48, line 15), program code for a transmission step, of transmitting a document based on the designation manually inputted in the input step using the operation input unit (column 4, lines 15 through 28, and column 46, lines 12 through 45), with the document being transmitted to an external data communication terminal (see Figs. 8-12, being a partner station) via a line (communication lines 116 or 117, column 4, lines 15 through 28) that does not include the connector (see Fig. 1), program code for a notification step, of notifying the user's data processing terminal on the network connected by the connector (information processing terminal 114, see Fig. 1) corresponding to the designated ID (column 46, lines 12 through 45), wherein notification

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includes information (column 39, line 15 through column 40, line 26), representing a document communication performed in the data transmission step based on the designation manually inputted in the input step (see Figs. 7-12, 26, and 27), and the document transmitted by the transmission step (column 40, line 28 through column 41, line 52, whereby the information processing terminal 114 is notified of the File ID and the number of pages of the transmitted document, and can further be notified so as to receive the actual document designated by the File ID, as seen in Figs. 28 and 29), program code for a determination step, of determining whether the ID is designated in the designation step (column 45, lines 5 through 65), and program code for a control step, of controlling the notification step in accordance with a determination result of the determination step (column 45, line 35 through column 46, line 30), wherein the notification step notifies the user's data processing terminal of information related to the document transmission upon completion of the document transmission performed in the transmission step (step S7-013 in Fig. 7, step S8-021 in Fig. 8A, step S1109 in Fig. 11, and step S1211 in Fig. 12A).

Regarding **claim 21**, Ikeda discloses a data communication system (facsimile apparatus seen in Fig. 1) that communicates with an external device via a transmission path (communication lines 116 or 117, column 4, lines 15 through 28), and that communicates with a data processing terminal (information processing terminal 114, seen in Fig. 1, column 4, line 39 through column 5, line 45), with the system comprising a signal path (I/F controller 113) through which the data communication system communicates with the data processing terminal (column 4, lines 39 through 52), with the signal path being a path different from the transmission path (see Fig. 1), an input section (console unit 107, as well as the I/F controller 113) through which

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an operator manually inputs a designation to the data communication system (column 3, line 55 through column 4, line 52), a transmitter (communication controller 108) that, based upon the manually inputted designation (column 4, lines 15 through 28), transmits a document through the transmission path (communication lines 116 or 117, column 4, lines 15 through 28) to the external device (see Figs. 8-12, being a partner station), and a notifier (CPU 101) that, because of a change in state of the data communication system (see Figs. 7-12, and 27), notifies the data processing terminal through the signal path (column 4, line 61 through column 5, line 45), wherein notification includes transmission result information (column 39, line 15 through column 40, line 26), corresponding to the document transmission by the transmitter based upon the manually inputted designation (see Figs. 7-12, 26, and 27), and the document transmitted by the data transmitter (column 40, line 28 through column 41, line 52, whereby the information processing terminal 114 is notified of the File ID and the number of pages of the transmitted document, and can further be notified so as to receive the actual document designated by the File ID, as seen in Figs. 28 and 29), the notification unit notifies the data processing terminal of the transmission result information related to the document transmission upon completion of the document transmission performed by the transmitter (step S7-013 in Fig. 7, step S8-021 in Fig. 8A, step S1109 in Fig. 11, and step S1211 in Fig. 12A), and the notification unit notifies, in a case where user information is input by the input unit with an address of the external data communication terminal, the data processing terminal corresponding to the user information of the transmission result information (seen in Fig. 12, column 23, line 6 through column 24, line 24, as well as seen in Fig. 43, column 50, lines 8 through 66).

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Regarding **claim 22**, Ikeda discloses a method of controlling a data communication system (facsimile apparatus seen in Fig. 1) that communicates with an external device (partner station, seen in Fig. 7, via communication lines 116 or 117, column 4, lines 15 through 28), and with a data processing terminal (information processing terminal 114, seen in Fig. 1, column 4, line 39 through column 5, line 45), with the method comprising the steps of manually inputting a designation to the data communication system (column 3, line 55 through column 4, line 52), transmitting a document to the external device (see Figs. 8-12, being a partner station) via a transmission path (communication lines 116 or 117, column 4, lines 15 through 28), based upon the manually inputted designation (column 4, lines 15 through 28), the transmitting step producing transmission result information (step S7-013 in Fig. 7, step S8-021 in Fig. 8A, step S1109 in Fig. 11, and step S1211 in Fig. 12A), and notifying, as a consequence of a change in state of the data communication system (see Figs. 7-12, and 27) and via a signal path (through I/F controller 113) that does not correspond to the transmission path (see Fig. 1), the data processing terminal (column 4, line 61 through column 5, line 45), wherein notification includes transmission result information (column 39, line 15 through column 40, line 26), and the document transmitted in the transmitting step (column 40, line 28 through column 41, line 52, whereby the information processing terminal 114 is notified of the File ID and the number of pages of the transmitted document, and can further be notified so as to receive the actual document designated by the File ID, as seen in Figs. 28 and 29), the notifying step notifies the data processing terminal of the transmission result information related to the document transmission upon completion of the document transmission performed in the transmitting step (step S7-013 in Fig. 7, step S8-021 in Fig. 8A, step S1109 in Fig. 11, and step S1211 in Fig.

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12A), and the notifying step includes notifying, in a case where user information is input in the input step with an address of the external device, a data processing terminal corresponding to the user information of the transmission result information (seen in Fig. 12, column 23, line 6 through column 24, line 24, as well as seen in Fig. 43, column 50, lines 8 through 66).

Regarding *claim 23*, Ikeda discloses a computer-readable storage medium storing a program (ROM 102, column 3, lines 44 through 54) for implementing a method for controlling a data communication system (facsimile apparatus seen in Fig. 1) that communicates with an external device (partner station, seen in Fig. 7, via communication lines 116 or 117, column 4, lines 15 through 28), and a data processing terminal (information processing terminal 114, seen in Fig. 1, column 4, line 39 through column 5, line 45), with the program comprising code for an input step, of inputting a manual designation to the data communication system (column 3, line 55 through column 4, line 52), code for a transmission step, of transmitting a document to the external device (see Figs. 8-12, being a partner station) via a transmission path (communication lines 116 or 117, column 4, lines 15 through 28), based upon the input manual designation (column 4, lines 15 through 28), the transmission step producing transmission result information (step S7-013 in Fig. 7, step S8-021 in Fig. 8A, step S1109 in Fig. 11, and step S1211 in Fig. 12A), and code for a notification step, of notifying, as a consequence of a change in state of the data communication system (see Figs. 7-12, and 27) and via a signal path (through I/F controller 113) that is not the transmission path (see Fig. 1), the data processing terminal (column 4, line 61 through column 5, line 45), wherein notification includes transmission result information (column 39, line 15 through column 40, line 26), and the document transmitted in the transmission step (column 40, line 28 through column 41, line 52, whereby the information

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processing terminal 114 is notified of the File ID and the number of pages of the transmitted document, and can further be notified so as to receive the actual document designated by the File ID, as seen in Figs. 28 and 29), the notification step includes notifying the data processing terminal of the transmission result information related to the document transmission upon completion of the document transmission performed in the transmission step (step S7-013 in Fig. 7, step S8-021 in Fig. 8A, step S1109 in Fig. 11, and step S1211 in Fig. 12A), and the notification step includes notifying, in a case where user information is input in the input step with an address of the external device, a data processing terminal corresponding to the user information of the transmission result information (seen in Fig. 12, column 23, line 6 through column 24, line 24, as well as seen in Fig. 43, column 50, lines 8 through 66).

Regarding **claim 24**, Ikeda discloses a data communication system (facsimile apparatus seen in Fig. 1) which comprises a connector (I/F controller 113), adapted to connect a data processing terminal (information processing terminal 114, seen in Fig. 1, column 4, line 39 through column 5, line 45) to the data communication system (column 4, lines 39 through 52), an operation input unit (console unit 107, as well as the I/F controller 113), adapted to receive a manual designation manually inputted by an operator (column 3, line 55 through column 4, line 52), an input unit (read controller 106), adapted to input a document to be transmitted to a destination (column 3, line 60 through column 4, line 52), a data transmitter (communication controller 108), adapted to transmit the document input by the input unit based on the designation input by the operation input unit (column 4, lines 15 through 28, see Figs. 11 and 12), with the document being transmitted to the destination (see Figs. 8-12, being a partner station) via a line (communication lines 116 or 117, column 4, lines 15 through 28) that does not

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include the connector (see Fig. 1), and a notification unit (CPU 101), adapted to notify the data processing terminal (information processing terminal 114), via the connector (column 4, line 61 through column 5, line 45), wherein notification includes transmission result information (column 39, line 15 through column 40, line 26), representing a document transmission performed by the transmitter based on the designation input by the operation input unit (see Figs. 7-12, 26, and 27), and the document transmitted by the data transmitter in accordance with a transmission operation (column 40, line 28 through column 41, line 52, whereby the information processing terminal 114 is notified of the File ID and the number of pages of the transmitted document, and can further be notified so as to receive the actual document designated by the File ID, as seen in Figs. 28 and 29).

Regarding **claim 25**, Ikeda discloses the data communication system discussed in claim 24 above, and further teaches that the connector (I/F controller 113) connects a network that is connectable to a plurality of data processing terminals to the data communication system (column 4, lines 39 through 52, which could be a personal computer or a word processor that are externally connected).

Regarding **claim 26**, Ikeda discloses the data communication system discussed in claim 24 above, and further teaches of a reader which reads an image on a document and generates an image document (read controller 106), wherein the input unit inputs the image document from the reader and the data transmitter transmits the image document inputted by the input unit (column 3, line 60 through 52).

Regarding **claim 27**, Ikeda discloses a method of controlling a data communication system (facsimile apparatus seen in Fig. 1), with the method comprising the steps of a reception

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step, of receiving a manual designation, manually inputted by an operator (column 3, line 55 through column 4, line 52), an input step, of inputting a document to be transmitted to a destination (column 3, line 60 through column 4, line 52), a transmission step, of transmitting the document to the destination (see Figs. 8-12, being a partner station) via a line (communication lines 116 or 117, column 4, lines 15 through 28) that does not include a connector (I/F controller 113, see Fig. 1), adapted to connect a data processing terminal (information processing terminal 114, seen in Fig. 1, column 4, line 39 through column 5, line 45) to the data communication system (see Fig. 1), the document is based on the received manual designation (column 4, lines 15 through 28, see Figs. 11 and 12), and a notification step, of notifying the data processing terminal (information processing terminal 114), wherein notification includes transmission result information (column 39, line 15 through column 40, line 26), representing a document transmission based on the inputted designation (see Figs. 7-12, 26, and 27), and the document transmitted in accordance with a transmission operation (column 40, line 28 through column 41, line 52, whereby the information processing terminal 114 is notified of the File ID and the number of pages of the transmitted document, and can further be notified so as to receive the actual document designated by the File ID, as seen in Figs. 28 and 29), via the connector (column 4, line 61 through column 5, line 45).

Regarding **claim 28**, Ikeda discloses a computer-readable storage medium storing a program (ROM 102, column 3, lines 44 through 54) for implementing a method of controlling a data communication system (facsimile apparatus seen in Fig. 1), with the program comprising program code for a reception step, of receiving a manual designation, manually inputted by an operator (column 3, line 55 through column 4, line 52), program code for an input step, of

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inputting a document to be transmitted to a destination (column 3, line 60 through column 4, line 52), program code for a transmission step, of transmitting the document to the destination (see Figs. 8-12, being a partner station) via a line (communication lines 116 or 117, column 4, lines 15 through 28) that does not include a connector (I/F controller 113, see Fig. 1), adapted to connect a data processing terminal (information processing terminal 114, seen in Fig. 1, column 4, line 39 through column 5, line 45) to the data communication system (see Fig. 1), the document is based on the received manual designation (column 4, lines 15 through 28, see Figs. 11 and 12), and program code for a notification step, of notifying the data processing terminal (information processing terminal 114), wherein notification includes transmission result information (column 39, line 15 through column 40, line 26), representing a document transmission based on the inputted designation input (see Figs. 7-12, 26, and 27), and the document transmitted in accordance with a transmission operation (column 40, line 28 through column 41, line 52, whereby the information processing terminal 114 is notified of the File ID and the number of pages of the transmitted document, and can further be notified so as to receive the actual document designated by the File ID, as seen in Figs. 28 and 29), via the connector (column 4, line 61 through column 5, line 45).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. **Claim 17** is allowed.
5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
Regarding ***claim 17***, in the examiner's opinion, it would not have been obvious to have the system, as claimed, include the limitations requiring at the data communication system,

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inputting a designation manually entered by an operator using an operation input unit, and designating an ID based on the manual designation inputted using the operation input unit, as well as at the data processing terminal, the limitation of independently storing the communication result information related to the document communication.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joe Pokrzywa whose telephone number is (703) 305-0146. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30-4:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on (703) 305-4712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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